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Mold ills gradually shutting down two G'wood buildings

By MICHAEL DANIELS

Greenwood's annual Town Meetings are traditionally held in the Town Hall in Locke Mills, but in May, when it comes time for this year's meeting, voters will be assembling elsewhere.

And at a Town Meeting in the not-too-far-distant future, they are likely to be asked to decide if their 2009 Town Meeting will have been the last to be held in the 80-year-old building.

A similar decision looms regarding the future of another nearby municipal building, a former schoolhouse, used since the mid-1980s as Green-

Selectmen believe it's time to begin discussion about the fate of Town Hall and Town Office.

wood's Town Office. The problem in both cases is mold.

The two buildings have basements that are constantly wet, and mold, along with its attendant rot, are easily visible.

Both are also aging wooden structures, where the mold has had decades to spread.

The Town Hall was built in 1931, near the beginning of the Great Depression.

The former schoolhouse was built in three phases, in 1890, 1913 and 1932 or '33, according to Greenwood historian Blaine Mills.

And both are in an area of Locke Mills village where the water table is just below the ground surface.

So close to the surface, in fact, Mills said, that none of the buildings in the immediate area have full basements, only crawl spaces.

The Town Hall, while the younger of the two municipal

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Taking training to the extremes



Douglas Downs of the Mahoosuc Mountain Rescue Team approaches Pamola Ice Cliff on Mt. Katahdin, during a recent MMRT training trip. MMRT Director Bob Baribeau has been leading trips to Baxter State Park for more than 20 years. Members participating on this year's trip included Baribeau, Downs, Chris Hayward, Aaron McFawn, and Mike Deluca. MMRT volunteers to help Baxter State Park throughout the year to be on hand for search and rescue situations in the park, whether it is an overdue hiker or a technical rescue on the many climbs in the park. During the winter trip to Baxter members stay at Chimney Pond for five nights, keep an eye on other parties using the area, and participate in remote winter mountaineering activities such as ice climbing, backcountry skiing, and technical rescue training.

(Photo: C. Hayward)

When it comes to the world, WES fifth-grader knows where it's at

By MATT HONGOLTZ-HETLING

When fifth grader Marcus Wentworth watched news coverage of the recent Chilean earthquake, he didn't need a map to tell him where the disaster had struck.

That's because Marcus, a student at Woodstock Elementary School, has just qualified as a state semifinalist in the

Maine Geographic Bee, which is sponsored by the National Geographic Society.

Marcus, who officially became one of the state's best geography students after passing a qualifying test in February, says that he has no expectations of advancing further in the competition.

"I'm competing against

eight graders," says Marcus. "I don't expect anything out of this. I just wanted to win the school bee."

Winning the school bee qualified Marcus to take a 70 question geography exam that pitted him against school and district winners from across

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Delegation in DC urges hearing on overflight plan

Maine's U.S. Senators Olympia J. Snowe and Susan Collins and Representatives Mike Michaud and Chellie Pingree have sent a letter to the Federal Aviation Administration urging the agency to hold a hearing in Maine regarding the Massachusetts Air National Guard's proposal to expand and lower the flight level for Condor 1 and Condor 2 flight training areas

over Western Maine. "We strongly urge the FAA to hold a public hearing in Maine as part of its review of the proposal to lower Condor flight levels over Western Maine," said Snowe, Collins, Michaud, and Pingree in a joint statement.

"Holding a hearing in Maine would help ensure that local residents and other stakeholders have the opportunity

to voice their concerns directly to aviation officials."

The delegation has been working together in response to constituents in Western Maine who have expressed concerns about the potential impact the proposed flight level changes could have on the region, according to a prepared statement.

The delegation's letter, to FAA Administrator J. Ran-

dolph Babbitt, reads as follows:

"We respectfully request that the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) hold a

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Annual Town Meetings — Tough Andover choices include buildings and staffing of Town Office

By ALISON ALOISIO

The future of the Andover Town Office building and the Andover Elementary School are among the 75 warrant articles residents will consider Saturday at Town Meeting.

The choices will be made in the context of what is shaping up to be a difficult budget year.

"We have some big decisions to make," said selectman chair Susan Merrow Friday. "An expected increase in taxes from the SAD44 budget, a nearly 50 percent loss in state revenue sharing over the past two years, and the loss of valuation from the Ethan Allen mill could all contribute to 3 mills increase in our tax assessment."

The current mill rate is just under 12.

"I am hoping that the voters

are thinking about different spending/cutting options before town meeting," Merrow said. "We need to seriously look at the big picture of how to continue services while running a tighter ship overall. Andover is a very experienced community that tends to be frugal. If the voters cut budgets, then as administrators and department heads, we must abide."

Town Office/Hall
Selectmen and the Town Hall Committee are proposing to close the current Town Office building on Stillman Avenue and move operations to the Town Hall.

The Town Office building would be sold.

"The Town Hall Committee has had this idea for a very

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Wind-turbine moratorium on warrant in W'stock

By ALISON ALOISIO

A 76-signature-petition to impose a 180-day moratorium on wind power development was presented to selectmen Tuesday.

The question will be voted upon at the March 29 Town Meeting.

A public hearing on the issue will take place March 25 at 5 p.m. at the Woodstock Elementary School.

The petition was presented by Leola Ballweber, according to Town Manager Vern Maxfield.

The town's Planning Board is currently considering an application from Patriot Renewables LLC to erect three to five commercial wind towers on Spruce Mountain, but the company has committed to a total of 10 towers eventually, Maxfield said.

If enacted, the moratorium would be retroactive to any wind permits approved after May 1, 2009.

The wording of the proposed moratorium reads, in part:

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King grant to warm readers in Hanover

By ALISON ALOISIO

Thanks to a \$5,000 grant from the Stephen and Tabitha King Foundation, the little Gardner Roberts Memorial Library in Hanover will be able to stay open more days each year.

Librarian Peg Susbury learned two weeks ago her application for the funds had been approved.

The money will be used to install a Jotel propane stove and to insulate the ceiling and 420-square-foot floor of the building.

"It's very exciting," said Susbury.

The library, built in 1884, currently has no source of heat.

In 2007 the building was moved from its original lo-

cation on the Howard Pond Road, to a site next to the Town Office, off Route 2.

Since then, the library has typically been open three days a week, from April to early November, for an estimated 30 to 40 users.

Through the winter, about 15-20 of the faithful continued to borrow books on Wednesdays, thanks to Susbury's adaptability.

During the cold season, she has made new books received by the library available at the Town Office. And she braves the temperatures in the library to organize the books.

"It's not easy shelving books with your mittens on," she joked. "Last week was the

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Letters

MOLLYOCKETT DAY TO BE TWOFER

To the Editor:

As many of you know, the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce's and the Mahoosuc Arts Council's Boards of Directors agreed to "swap" the organizational role of two major summer events. The Mahoosuc Arts Council is now the contact for the Bethel Art Fair, scheduled for Saturday, July 3rd and the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce is now the contact for Mollyockett Days, scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, July 17 & 18th. Yes — we are growing the event to a two-day venue! The Chamber Board appointed a Mollyockett Days Task Force who has been meeting and developing an exciting line-up for the weekend.

When we embarked on the planning, we discovered that the Bethel Health Council, who originated the idea of a "Bethel Bazaar" in 1950, named the event Mollyockett Day in 1960 — making 2010 the 50th Anniversary of Mollyockett Day! It is our hope that the community will come together to help us make this year a gala celebration of what makes our communities a fantastic place to live, work and play! We have established the "theme" of this year's celebration as "Four Seasons of Fun!"

Due to the fact that we are expanding the event to a two-day celebration, we have several changes that we would like everyone to know about.

The 2010 Mollyockett Day Parade scheduled for Saturday July 17, 2010 will kick off one-hour earlier than in years past. Parade line-up will begin at 9 a.m. and the parade will kick off at 10 a.m.. The parade route will remain the same — however to ensure the safety of all of the participants — the parade line up will be moved from Railroad St. to Cross St., starting in the Casablanca Cinema parking lot. Local organizations and businesses are encouraged to show their support of this 50th anniversary event by building a float or otherwise showing off the many creative talents that we all share throughout the area! This year's theme to the parade is "Four Seasons of Fun"! Bring your antique vehicle, band, team, business, friends and family to join in on this year's parade! If you are interested please call the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce for more information. Trophies will be awarded on the Bethel Common gazebo to the parade "top honors" at approx. 11:30 am, immediately following the parade.

Applications for this year's Miss Mollyockett are available at the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce, girls between the ages of 13-18 can submit an application and as always the winner will serve as Grand Marshall for the parade.

Applications for vendor spaces have been sent out and we are asking all arts & crafts, retail, and food vendors to stay for the entire two-day festival. If you are interested in renting a space on the common and have not received an application, please contact the chamber office. An exciting line-up of music, entertainment, auctions, dance exhibitions and fireworks are included in the Saturday schedule. The foot races, traditionally held on Saturday morning, are being moved to Sunday morning. After the races, a fantastic Fiddler's Jamboree, as well as a contra-dance, will grace the common until 3 pm on Sunday, when the official Mollyockett Days 2010 will draw to a close.

We continue to seek sponsors for several of the discreet events, but wish to thank those businesses already partnering with us: Dead River Company, Pepsi Bottling Group, Kennett Realty, Michael T. Steven Associates, Northeast Bank, Stephens Memorial Hospital, All Doyles/Harvest Carpentry, and Bennett Automotive.

It is our hope to make the 50th Anniversary of Mollyockett Days a fun-filled weekend for all.

The Mollyockett Days Task Force: Matty Leach, Steve Etheridge, Colleen Files, Susan Isham, Amy Marshall, Lynn Saxton, Jonathan Goldberg, Jim Mann, Kevin Rosenberg

THE BEST GIFT OF ALL

To the Editor:

Hello everyone, I'm still in shock at how well we did Feb. 20 at the Funky Red Barn for Autism.

We raised \$2,000, and because of all caring people, we had to turn people away the Funky was packed and I'm sorry for all of the ones who couldn't get in but I truly thank you from the bottom of my heart for coming out.

I have so much to say but little room to say it in!

Thanks to all who showed up and donated to our cause, and thank you so much Barry and your family for giving us a place to start bringing awareness into our community about Autism. I wouldn't have had a better time anywhere else and I'm so honored with all that you did to make the benefit such a success. I love the Funky and what you stand for community first!

Thank you Midnite Haze, you guys did a great job, and of course to the one and only Monsta band, you guys rock and have gone above and beyond for Autism.

If you have never heard of the Monsta band you don't know what you are missing — they're great! They will be playing at the American Legion in Locke Mills on May 1 for Unlocking Autism, so come and join the fun and listen to the best band around.

And thanks to all of my friends and family that came to help and join me on my quest to help others. That was the best gift of all!

*Tabatha Steward
Maine State Rep. for Unlocking Autism*

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ADULT ED IS ESSENTIAL

To the Editor:

Last week, the Governor recommended the full restoration of the 10-percent cut originally proposed for state funding for adult education, following on last year's restoration by the legislature of similar cuts proposed. Clearly adult education is a vital element in our state, particularly in a recession, and I hope that the SAD44 School Board and the voters will appreciate this as they consider the budget.

My job since 2002 has been to work, as the Executive Director of the Maine Adult Education Association, with our programs across the state to build their programming particularly in the area of workforce training and college transitions and to educate legislators and others of the value of the Maine Adult Education system. I would recommend that your readers check out the www.maineadulted.org website and see that face of adult education in 2010.

Adult Education is a critical component of all Maine school districts in the 21st century, responding to the needs of the workforce, the aging population, the continuing issue of dropouts from high school, and the needs to address early literacy by supporting the literacy needs of parents. Since 1970, the residents of SAD44 have recognized this and supported the program during previous recessions, and allowed it to expand to meet the shifting needs of the community. In SAD44, adult education has been the catalyst for bringing college courses to the area, providing high school completion and GED opportunities, launching a Senior College program, providing services to our dislocated workers as one small mill after another closed, collaborating with the Chamber and local small businesses on training, and providing an avenue for so many people to share their special talents with their neighbors. A total of nearly 9,000 individuals have participated in SAD44's adult education programs over the years.

It was my privilege to be employed as the director for more than 20 years and I continue to be moved by the individuals who offer comments to me, usually at the Foodliner, about how much adult education meant to them or their families. Most recently one of our local small business owners informed me that, not only had services from adult education turned her life around as a teen, but that she now takes online classes and recommends them to her clients.

The budget for adult education in SAD44 is less than 2 percent of the K-12 budget. The local funding represents just over half the budget for adult education, and is matched by state subsidy and course fees. The program provides an array of services including literacy, high school completion, online courses, credit recovery for high school students, academic preparation for adults who are in job transition and seeking to sharpen their skills or to enroll in college. The program also runs a vibrant Senior College program and supervises the University of Maine's ITV classes and the on-site courses from CMCC. The community education classes, so often the most visible element of adult education, are self-supporting and provide income for the program. The adult education program generates revenue for the K-12 budget from the state in sub-20 funding by assisting dropouts to complete a high school credential, and the staff works closely with Telstar High School to provide "credit recovery" for high school students who are lacking credits to graduate.

I fully appreciate the budgetary position our district faces and can see that there are many frustrated voices. I would however like to encourage the Board and the voters to maintain the essential funding for services for adults in SAD44, supporting a valuable aspect of the educational infrastructure of the area developed over the past 40 years.

*Cathy Newell
Greenwood*

CONDOR AGAIN?

To the Editor:

I have two principle points to make relative to the opposition to allowing National Guard fighters practicing intercept training at altitudes as low as 500 feet above ground level (AGL) in the Condor I and II training area. The first relates to the value of realistic training. The after action report on the 9/11, 2001 disasters in New York, the Pentagon and the crash of United flight 93 (I think it was) in Pennsylvania revealed that two F-15 aircraft on air defense alert took off from Otis Air Base on Cape Cod and were vectored out over the Atlantic Ocean! Neither FAA nor military ground controllers knew what to do with the F-15's. Why? Because there was no training of either aircrews or ground controllers for this sort of incident. Nobody knew then who could order fighters to shoot down a commercial airliner nor what conditions might justify such action.

As a corollary to this factor, there is already a gradual reduction of fighter aircraft being placed on ground alert for two reasons; F-15 and F-16 aircraft are being taken out of service at an increasing rate because these aircraft are reaching the end of their designed lifetimes due to heavy use in three theater wars (the first Gulf War, Afghanistan and the Iraq War). There is also a growing feeling among some Obama Administration officials that we no longer need air defense fighters on alert because of the effective screening of airline passengers and the greater need to spend the money on other defense priorities.

Everyone should know that there are many potential enemies who will be tempted to attack once they realize our air defenses are severely weakened by either of these factors. There are numerous sources of aircraft besides airlines that potential terrorists might use.

Besides the need for training of both aircrews and ground controllers, the argument that occasional low-level flights in our area will harm the economy of the area is fallacious. The idea that tourists will stay away or that potential home buyers will decide not to buy in this area because of an occasional loud aircraft doesn't make sense. People from New Jersey, Massachusetts or any other metropolitan area are bombarded by noises of all types on a daily basis, many of them approaching the level of noisy jets that only occasionally visit this area. I have never heard of a tourist going home or staying away because of an occasional loud aircraft. And the frequency of air intercept training will be much less than the previously occurring training on the low-level route that has existed in the western Maine area for many years. This is because there are only two ANG units with an air defense mission in the entire New England area: Otis ANG Base at Cape Cod and a unit at Burlington, Vt. With two aircraft on alert at each base there are only limited numbers of aircraft and pilots remaining available for intercept training at any one time. When you add in the concept of operations for such training that has the intercept aircraft at medium to high altitude during the vast majority of time on each mission, the probability of a low pass over any given point in the Condor areas is very low for any given day. The probabilities are that any given spot on the ground is unlikely to see/hear a loud low pass more than a handful of times in an entire month!

I am reminded of the hearings in the area a few years ago when a few businesses catering to tourists were alarmed that moose hunting here during the foliage viewing season would offend tourists who might see moose guts beside the road. In actuality, tourists flock to some of the moose check-in points (especially Greenville) because they want to see moose up close! A lot of folks like to see low-flying jets too! Let them train!

*Richard Grover, Combat Veteran
Mason Township*

BRONSON KNOWS

To the Editor:

Bronson and I attended the memorial service for Jim Lowe Sunday afternoon. Jim was a close friend, buddy and partner in crime of both of us and we miss him dreadfully.

Bronson had asked me to note a couple of significant "Jim stories," and of course, I will not let this opportunity pass.

First, Jim broke every guide dog rule enthusiastically when it came to food/snacks for Bronson. The afternoon prior to a Grange supper at Alder River was a particularly rich and luscious time for Bronnie, as his job was to patrol the kitchen as Jim prepared the supper. Sticking close to Jim's side meant many rewards!

Bronson also knows two secrets that Jim never found the answer to — and Jim guessed and guessed and never was able to confirm who it was who hung the outside women's unmentionables on his clothesline. Or — who tied the arms and legs of his laundry in knots Bronson knows. It wasn't often that someone else had the last word to Jimmy.

Bronnie and I and so many, many other friends feel the hole in our lives without our Jim. We expect him to come back and haunt us for the answer to the riddle that plagued him for so long.

*Lynn and Bronson Mason
Bethel*

Wind

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"Large-scale wind power development has been proposed for certain areas within the Town of Woodstock. The full impact of such proposed development in the Town of Woodstock has not been considered or explored adequately.

"The experience of other towns in areas throughout the United States points to the need to examine the issue

carefully. The Town of Woodstock finds that existing land use laws are inadequate to prevent serious public harm from wind power development within the Town. Inappropriate, unplanned wind power development will adversely affect the health, safety, and welfare of the Town. Suitable sites and methods for wind power development need to be reviewed and identified.

Failure to carefully review and plan for wind power development will reduce options available to the Town, and environmental degradation."

Following the public hearing at 7 p.m. will be a second hearing, specifically on the Patriots Renewable project. That hearing is required by the Maine Department of Environmental Protection.

Flights

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hearing in Maine as part of its consideration of the Massachusetts Air National Guard's proposal to expand and lower the flight level for the Condor 1 and Condor 2 flight training areas over Western Maine. When the FAA conducts its review

of the Final Environmental Impact Statement, we believe that a hearing in which Maine citizens can express their concerns to the FAA would be helpful.

"Many constituents in Western Maine continue to be concerned about the potential im-

pact these flight level changes would have on the environment, the economy, and the quality of life in Western Maine. We believe the FAA should hear these concerns firsthand to determine whether or not to approve the airspace change.

Our Back Pages

Compiled by Danna Brown Nickerson

10 years ago: The Mahoosuc Arts Council sponsored its 2nd Annual Mud Ball, with music by the Phil Rich Big Band.

Schofield, Inc. of Bolton, Mass., and Fairfield was awarded the contract to remove tires from the Gordon tire dump in Greenwood.

An open house was held at Northeast Bank to honor Judy Webster on her retirement after 22 years of service.

Births: Jacob Arnold Rainey, Colby Ann Westleigh, Caroline Camden Finley, Stephen Michael Andrews, Stephen Michael Dailey.

20 years ago: Bethel's Historic District doubled in size with the acceptance of Kimball Park, the residential area of Church Street, and two Gould Academy buildings into the National Register of Historic Places.

Chimney fires at the Boiler Room Restaurant and at the Rumford Avenue home of Harold and Bertha Walker kept Woodstock firemen busy.

Births: Grace Jennifer Grover, Corey Michael Swan.

Deaths: Lorraine K. Pfaudler.

30 years ago: Two late-season storms dumped 15 inches of snow on the Bethel area, followed by wind, cold temperatures, and a prediction of more snow to come.

Jim Deibel was named General Manager of the Bethel Inn.

About 80 Bethel voters turned out for the annual Town Meeting, and in a 65-minute session moderated by William Cousins, approved a budget of \$540,582.66.

Birth: Angela Marie Buker.

Deaths: Louise Woodford, Howard F. Lapham.

40 years ago: Some 100 snowmobiles took part in a parade up Bethel's Main Street and around the Common prior to riding to Mt. Abram Ski Slopes for a baked bean supper.

The Bethel General Store building on Railroad Street, constructed by Niles Kellogg some 30 years earlier, was being torn down.

Work had begun in razing the former American Legion Hall on Main Street.

Births: Alec Kirkpatrick Newell, Chad Jeremy Pelletier.

Deaths: Samuel N. Blackwood, Miss Rose B. Rozek, Mrs. Mary E. Heino.

50 years ago: An open house was held at the new housing development, "Swift River Park," in Rumford by contractor Stanley E. Davis.

Sunday River Skiway entertained the Maine Ski Council at the Lodge with about 60 members and guests present.

The 1960 Heart Fund Drive raised \$471.11, over \$380 was collected by Heart Sunday volunteers in the house-to-house appeal.

Death: Willie Heikknen.

60 years ago: At the annual meeting of the Bethel Village Corporation, it was voted to raise \$1,100 for construction of a dam, laying pipe and installing a hydrant on Vernon Street.

Erland Wentzell, formerly of Bethel, had gone to Calcutta, India, where he had a position with the Ludlow Jute Company.

Deaths: Leroy Buck, Sr., Mrs. Beatrice Osgood, David Arthur Blake.

70 years ago: Miss Kathryn Herrick of Bethel was teaching in London, England.

By vote of the Bethel Village Corporation the appropriation for night police was increased to \$1,200.

Deaths: Mrs. Sadie Tuell, Mrs. Fannie B. Lovejoy.

80 years ago: Costs of the new bridges in Bethel were: Sunday River, \$29,836.78; Pleasant River, \$15,203.80; Androscoggin River, \$78,540.12.

Deaths: William W. Coolidge, Payson Rich, Clarence W. Smith.

100 years ago: Marian True Gehring entertained the Columbia Club with an interesting program on French chateaus illustrated with stereoscopic views.

Irving Carver, heir to E. C. Rowe, sold Mr. Rowe's horses and bought an automobile.

J. S. Burbank caught a 2½ pound pickerel.

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Mold

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buildings, appears to have the more serious mold problem.

And you don't need to examine the beams and wall surfaces to detect it, Sparks said.

"You walk through the front door and you're instantly hit with this mildew/musty smell - not very welcoming," the town manager said.

It goes beyond a matter of aesthetics.

"MMA's Workers Comp comes down every year and does an inspection of our buildings," Sparks said, and as it happens the inspector himself is highly allergic to mold.

On his latest visit, she said, "He stuffed right up and said 'you can't have any employees over there 'til you get it fixed,' and he suggested we not have any public functions here."

Two commercial cleaning services contacted by the town drew a similar conclusion.

"Both of them, just walking through the door, will not come back unless we have an air quality test done," Sparks said.

"They said that the problem was almost certainly beyond the moldy surfaces, and was now in the walls."

The town did have an air quality test done in the Town Office building, and it indicated there was also a mold prob-

lem there, but not yet to the point that the building could not be used.

But eliminating the mold that is there would be costly.

It would involve jacking the building up, replacing rotting timbers, installing mold-remediation membrane and cleaning the remaining surfaces, Sparks said.

"We're trying to get estimates on that," she said, "but a lot of people wouldn't even attempt it."

Taking the next step, installing adequate drainage and a new foundation would cost an estimated \$65,000, Sparks said.

"Everyone who's looked at the mold issue, says we'd be better off just to tear it down."

But tearing down either of the buildings would mean eliminating a part of the town's history, a part some residents - especially those who attended school in what is now the town office building - have strong feelings about.

If they were to go, Sparks said, "some people have asked, 'What is left of our Locke's Mills village?'"

For the moment the question is on the backburner, she said, but the selectmen feel the future of the buildings is a discussion that should begin.

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first time the temperature went up to 20 degrees inside."

The new stove and insulation should cure that. The improvements will be made right away, said Susbury.

To accommodate the work, the library will open slightly later this year, in early May, once the work is completed.

The warmer building will allow regular hours to start

much earlier in future years, she said, and go later, probably until Thanksgiving.

"It will be by guess and by golly at first," she said.

The library offers about 3,500 books, with others available to borrow through the Rumford library, Susbury said.

The books date from 1862 to the present.

Briefly

Still census jobs available

REGION—The U.S. Census Bureau is continuing to take applications for temporary employees to soon begin local field work in all area towns. The pay is \$14.50 per hour, plus 50 cents per mile. Hours are flexible, between 20 and 40 per week. Paid local training is provided. The work, which includes visiting homes and collecting census data, will begin in April and last for 5-10 weeks. The Bureau is especially stepping up its efforts to recruit job applicants living in the towns of Andover, Bethel, Byron, Roxbury, Hanover, Milton, Newry, Upton, Magalloway, Lincoln Plantation and the unorganized territories of Northern Oxford County. Go to www.2010censusjobs.gov or call 1-866-861-2010 for more information or to schedule a test, held weekly in local towns.

Ballroom dance class to aid pantry

GREENWOOD—A ballroom dancing class will be offered by Nancy Willard at the Locke Mills Legion Hall on Mondays from March 29 through April 26, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. The cost of the class is \$25 per person, with all proceeds going to the District Exchange Food Pantry. Registration will take place at the first class. For more information call Willard at 665-2788.

Super Crossword

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YOUNG GEOGRAPHY ATLAS MARCUS WENTWORTH doesn't shrug when asked tough questions about our home planet.

(Photo: M. Hongoltz-Hetling)

the state. By being among the top 100 scorers on that test, Marcus won the right to compete in the state finals, which take place at the University of Southern Maine in Portland on April 9.

When Woodstock Principal Littlehale heard the news, she brought him to the first grade class, where his mother teaches, to make the announcement. The enthusiastic first graders piled on top of him in a spontaneous celebration of his success.

How did it feel to be the center of such jubilation?

"Kind of weird," admitted Marcus. "When you have 17 kids piled on top of you, you can't really breathe."

In many ways, Marcus is a typical fifth grader. He's made the baseball all star team twice, and enjoys baseball, skiing, and soccer. He loves playing chess against his family and classmates, who know

him as a particularly tough opponent. His favorite movies include the Transformers films, known for their larger-than-life alien robot battles.

"I like that there was a lot of action," he says, "especially in the second one."

In other ways, Marcus's tastes seem anything but ordinary. He likes asparagus, but doesn't much care for video games or internet surfing. He likes television, but doesn't watch many cartoons. He likes books, but not the hugely popular Harry Potter series.

Instead, his favorite books include the wholesome Hardy Boys series, and his favorite television programs are more intellectual fare than you might expect. In fact, Marcus cites his television preferences as a key to his success in the Geography Bee.

"When I was a little kid, I didn't watch cartoons much," says Marcus. "We only got Channels

6, 8, and 13, so I watched a lot of news and Jeopardy."

Marcus says that another part of his success in the Bee is familiarity with the subject matter, but that test-taking skills are equally important.

"You have to look for the clues in the question," he says. "That strategy helps. So, if the question asks about the southernmost country in the Americas, then I know they're talking about Argentina."

When asked what grade has been his favorite, Marcus said "Fifth grade has been the best. I get to be a role model for the younger kids, and the teacher is awesome."

A moment's pause.

"Or first grade," he amends. "When my mom was my teacher."

Will he be competing again next year?

This time, there is no hesitation.

"Definitely."

Andover

Continued from page 1

long time," said Merrow. "The question is, do we really want to continue to support two buildings?"

Andover has funded various improvements to the old Town Hall over recent years, including upgrading the heating system, the windows, and repairing and repainting all the rooms.

"The improvements have been very strongly supported," said Merrow.

The selectmen have been holding their weekly meetings at the Town Hall for more than a year.

The plan for the Town Hall calls for using two spaces on the first floor.

A room near the front on the left of the building would be enlarged by combining it with part of the current kitchen, Merrow said.

The space would serve as the town clerk/tax collector office.

Selectmen would meet in a room at the back of the first floor, known traditionally as the selectmen's office.

The various rooms have zoned heating, Merrow said, so heat would be distributed efficiently.

The cost for such a conversion has not yet been determined, she said.

A related warrant article proposes taking funds from the Revaluation Account to cover the expenses of moving the office.

The account currently holds \$50,000, Merrow said.

Andover has not had a formal revaluation since the early 1990s.

The account was established several years ago to

work toward a revaluation, but residents have since turned down articles to use or add to the account for that purpose.

Another related article calls for raising \$35,000 to re-roof the Town Hall.

If the new office plan is approved, the value of the current Town Office building would be assessed and an estimated asking price obtained from a realtor, Merrow said.

In addition to any money received through a sale, the building would also go back on the tax rolls, she said.

AES, road plan

Another building up for discussion Saturday is the Andover Elementary School.

As part of cost-cutting measures, SAD44 is proposing to close the school in 2011.

But the town has the option of keeping the school operating, by annually paying the money SAD44 would save by closing it.

That amount is estimated at \$250,000 a year.

Another big-ticket warrant item is the long-term funding of roadwork.

Selectmen propose the issuing of \$500,000 in securities toward that end.

In response to voter direction last year, the board and the road commissioner have compiled a road inventory and 10-year plan for improvements.

Voters, said Merrow, "will be asked to pick an amount they're willing to pay debt on," and the board and road commissioner would then set the priorities for work.

Citizen articles

Residents will also consider several articles proposed through citizen petition.

Three address parameters for the structure of the Town Office staffing.

One proposes changing the clerk/tax collector/registrar of voters position from an elected one to one appointed by selectmen.

A similar proposal for the treasurer's position passed last year.

Merrow said the reasoning is similar this year: to allow the board to review and choose from several applicants the person they feel is best qualified.

The other two articles propose a prohibition on appointing any town employee as deputy clerk or deputy treasurer.

The annual hours for people who are appointed would be limited to 100 each.

Another citizen article proposes reducing the hours at the Transfer Station, from the current 17 to 15.

For each hour cut back, the town would save approximately \$1,000, Merrow said.

She said she did not think townspeople would like the reduced hours, but the idea is an attempt "to shave off" costs wherever possible.

Recall ordinance

Voters will also decide whether to amend the town's ordinance regarding petitions to recall selectmen.

The proposal calls for a specific statement of the reason for removal from office, as well as a waiting period of 12 months after the official takes office and/or after an unsuccessful recall vote on that person.

The minimum number of signatures on petitions would be set at 150, instead of the current 10 percent of people voting in the last gubernatorial election.

Saturday's meeting begins at 9 a.m. at the Town Hall. A lunch will be provided by the Andover Service Circle for \$5, downstairs in the hall.

Elections

Elections for town offices will take place by ballot Tuesday from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Town Hall.

Keith Farrington's seat on the Board of Selectmen is up for a three-year term.

He is running again, and no one else has submitted nomination papers, Merrow said.

Also up for a vote are SAD44 school directors Keith Smith and Tim Akers.

No one is officially opposing them, Merrow said.

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West Bethel



by
Lorrie Hoeh

We are seeing more purple finches each day. I just read an article recently about the New Hampshire bird count, in which it was noted that purple finch numbers are way down there, along with several other species. This just confirms what we have been observing in and around Bethel—there seem to be fewer songbirds.

On Saturday morning Jake and I and our guest dog, Grizzly Siegel, headed off for the forest road. We had no sooner crossed the bridge over the East Branch when the two dogs flushed a moose on the west side of the road. He

or she high-tailed it into the woods, and the dogs came back to my call right away. I thought that was an exciting way to start the day.

Then on Sunday morning when Mike and I were walking the same road with Jake, what did we see but two moose together, right at the foot of Fred Bennett's drive. Naturally, Jake decided to make the world safe from moose and made a fruitless run after them. Of course, they were up the hill and well over it before he got even as far as the foot of the drive. There were multiple moose tracks in the soft surface of the driveway, of several different sizes. This tells us that there are quite a few of the big beasts in the area.

This past weekend was the occasion of the Eastern High School Cross-Country Ski Championships at Gunstock in Gilford, N.H. On Friday

there was a skate race; on Saturday, a sprint and a four-way mixed medley relay; and on Sunday, a 7.5 kilometer classic race. The Sunday race presented an interesting challenge to the racers, consisting of teaming rain and lots of wind. Consider it a lesson in dealing with adversity. Happily, the Maine team of 24 girls and 22 boys acquitted themselves well and came in second overall. Vermont was first.

At the same time there was an alpine championship race going on at Attitash. I am sorry to say that I don't know the outcome of that one, but I'm sure the Maine skiers did right well.

Our town is diminished by the deaths of two this past week. Our sympathy and condolences go out to the family of Rodney Hanscom, who passed away March 6 at home. He leaves behind a beautiful family, which includes both grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and a community of friends and neighbors who will miss him.

Another face that was familiar in West Bethel and will be sadly missed was that of Jim Lowe, who worked at Mountain Greenery with Sally and Leslie every growing season. We send our deepest sympathy to Jim's family, as well. Jim was active in the Bethel community in many ways. Among other things, he was past president of the Bethel Library Board, and the library is accepting donations in Jim's memory, to be used to purchase books.

The stream is swollen, and the snow is fast disappearing. We lost our hour of sleep Saturday night with the change to DST, which I personally think is a bad idea. Spring will

come with or without the time change, though, and it looks like an early one. The sap is still running, so Mike will be going to Martha's to help with the boiling. Ah, sweet nectar! Be in touch: dhoeh@megalink.net; 836-3011.

Gilead



by
Lin Chapman

The weather was just plain nasty on Sunday morning. It was raining and sleeting. There were a few accidents around the area. Rain in the wintertime usually means slippery roads and slower driving.

My brother, Steve McLain, and his son, Brad, stopped by my house to pick up a chair. While they were here, I actually found a picture of our father sitting in that same chair. Needless to say, the chair has been around for many years.

Steve McLain also mentioned that he is planning on running for another term as Selectman this year. This Board has made some good improvements in the way the town operates, but there are many more improvements to be made. It would be nice if they could continue as a Board to accomplish this.

Lise McLain took her father, Gerard Dupont, to Gorham, N.H., for a doctor's appointment last week. They stopped at their favorite place, Mr. Piz-za, for lunch.

Hugh had a call from his brother, Bill Lord, who lives in Arizona. He had sunshine and 70-degree weather to compare to our really miserable rainy day. The 70-degree weather is cold for them. I wish that we

had some of that sunshine and warm weather.

Town Meeting

This is another reminder that the Annual Town Meeting will be held on Saturday, March 27, at 7 p.m. The Registrar will be available from 6:30 to 6:55 p.m. to register new voters. Please bring proof of identity and residency.

Comp. Planning Com.

The Comprehensive Planning Committee wishes to thank those individuals who attended the March 3 Public Meeting to review the draft update of the Comprehensive Plan. Comments received at the meeting have been incorporated. A revised plan is available for review on the AVCOG website at AVCOG.org or at the Town Office. Please note that an article requesting approval of the updated plan is included on the Warrant for the March 27 Town Meeting.

It would be nice to have some news from the Gilead residents. I do not put any items in the column unless they ask me to do so. Got any news? Call 836-2987 or e-mail chapmal@hotmail.com.

Upton



by
Laurie Brown

Ogden Nash said "A family is a unit composed not only of children but of men, women, an occasional animal and the common cold."

The Upton Historical Society will meet on March 21 at the Ladies Aid Building at 11:30 a.m. If you come for the breakfast first, you'll be able to enjoy a second cup of coffee

during the brief interlude.

Town Meeting is next Thursday, March 25, at 7 p.m. at the school.

There are signs of spring—the roads are posted, we've had rain, and the weather is warmer. In neighboring towns, the snow is almost gone. In Upton, however, we still have a foot or more of the white stuff. Guess you could still ride snowmobiles on town trails.

"Come Spring," a historical novel written by Ben Ames Williams, describes the people who settled in the Union area. Written in the postscript is, "The historical novel usually concerns itself with persons who have made a major imprint on their times and on the minds of posterity; with generals and statesmen and kings and queens. But for every general there were ten thousand soldiers, and for every king there were subjects." The people in this book were not individually as important as George Washington; the town they founded was not as important as New York. But people like them made this country, and towns like this one were and are the soil in which this country's roots are grounded.

Several people have suggested that I stop by the "Citizen" office and have a new picture taken to accompany this column—since the one included now doesn't look like me. I would do that if I thought it'd work. However, since I change my hairstyle, color and length more often than I go to Bethel, the picture would never be an updated one.

Have a wonderful week. Se-lah

From the Bethel Police Log:

Sunday, March 14

At 8:10 p.m. Officers Jason Goff and Mark Tibbetts responded to Route 2 in Gilead for a report of a missing person being detained by a passer by. Shortly after arrival a deputy arrived to gather information.

Saturday, March 13

At 11:05 p.m. Officer Anthony Keach responded to Mayville Road for a report of a subject lying on the side of the road. The subject was located, and was walking when the officer arrived. He was intoxicated, but said he was all right.

(Time not available) Officers Jason Goff and Mark Tibbetts assisted Bethel Rescue with a call on Chandler Hill Road.

Friday, March 12

At 8:05 a.m. on Vernon Street Lt. S.R. White arrested Franklin D. Steele, 27, for operating under suspension.

At 11:25 p.m. Officer George Gould responded to Main Street for a report of a possible verbal dispute. One subject had left when the officer arrived.

This report highlights points of interest from the Bethel Police Department log.

Oxford County Jail:

(Bethel region)

March 13: Daniel E. Peare, 52, of Andover, violation of bail conditions; by Trooper Kyle Tilsley in Andover.



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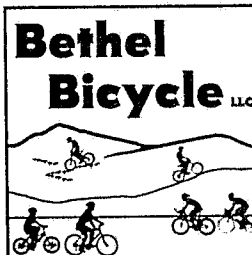


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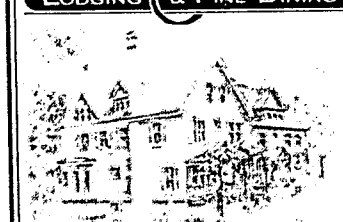
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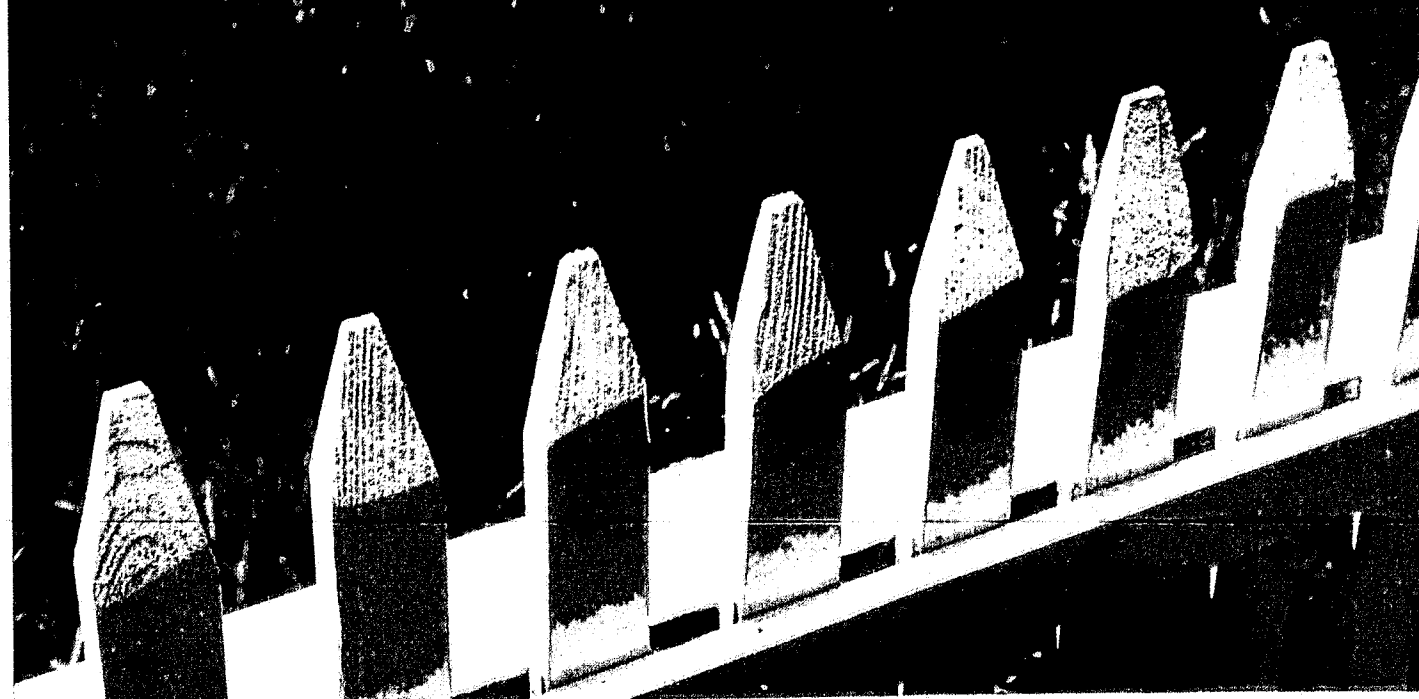
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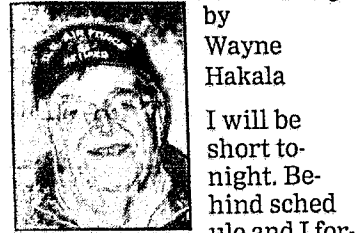
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Greenwood City



by Wayne Hakala
I will be short tonight. Behind schedule and I forgot what else. We had to go to a little boy's birthday party this afternoon and then stop for a pizza and salad.
This Thursday, the 18th, is the Post 68 Legion Birthday Dinner. Just a reminder to our members. Those with e-mail will have a note before this is checked out by Polly at The Citizen.

On Friday eve, the 19th, is the Special Bingo for the Woodstock Veterans Memorial. Like I said last week about a small reminder, but this is a big one. Be there or be square.

On the 20th is the benefit for Al Curtis Jr. Young William delivered a flyer and raffle tickets to Anita Saturday. From what I'm hearing, half the town of Mechanic Falls is planning to attend. Then there is all the family from around the country and co-workers from Connecticut, Bangor and beyond. And all the firemen from here to there. Expect the hall will be full.

Fred has been working on Mike's lot next to me. Hear the chainsaw and skidder work-

ing and some large White Pine falling. Mike is planning on using the sale of timber to build his retirement home up the hill.

Hanover



by Clem Worcester

The last remaining ice in the Androscoggin River floated away over last weekend.

The ice downstream from Hanover and upstream from Hanover went out some time ago but the section from Hanover to Rumford Point seemed to be

the last to go out. Bob Brown left the West Park facility where he was receiving rehabilitation therapy and has returned home.

The census workers are traveling around leaving off packets for citizens to mail back to the officials. The census is still testing for census workers at the Hanover Town Office starting at 6 p.m. each Thursday.

Gardner Roberts Memorial Library librarian, Peg Sushbury, has announced that the library was the lucky recipient of a \$5,000 grant from the Stephen and Tabitha King Foundation.

It is expected that the funding will be used for insula-

tion and a heat source to extend the library season in the spring and fall.

The Hanover Town Clerk expresses appreciation to Kelly Harrington for filling in, often without much notice, while he has been feeling miserable. Thanks also to Donna for putting up with him and carting him all around.

Logging operations have concluded in the hills above Howard Pond, so the huge loads of logs and chips no longer wind their way down Howard Pond Road. The loggers have moved to a lot along Route 2 in Hanover.

Help won't help tomorrow if you give up today.

Newry



by Sylvia Harrington

St. Patrick's Day was celebrated at the Goose Eye Farm with

Hannah Pierce, the daughter of Bruce and Suzanne, inviting her kindergarten class and teacher, Mrs. Newell, to the farm to watch the maple syrup process during mid-morning.

On Monday the 15th, Rosabelle Tift and I met with classmates at the Exchange Café in Rumford. Our 60th class reunion will be held in Bethel this year, the last Saturday in July. Many classmates attended the committee meeting. Probably the largest committee in quite a few years. We meet again next month before contacting our "mates."

I was told the talk on cancer last weekend was very interesting, with the personal touch of the Beanes of Standish.

The Bear River Trading Post will have fishing gear for the regular fishing which begins April 1.

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East Bethel



by
Wally Ritz
Earl Coolidge told me that Mona's grandkids from Lisbon, N.H.

were here visiting and all had a nice time together. Mona's Avon business is coming along well. So keep her in mind and give her a call. Rene Charette, along with her daughters Adeline, Vivienne and Natalie had a great time during February vacation. First they met up with Rene's grandmother Francis, who is 87, bless her soul, and then flew from Providence, R.I. to Miami, Fla. They also spent some time at Big Pine Key. We need to give a big "heads up" to Adeline as a "street performer" picked her out of the crowd and had her help him perform and be his helper. She did so well, he even paid her.

Bettyanne Hastings let me know that she and Sonny went to Milford, N.H. to see Jack and Julie (Hastings) Warwick this weekend. They had a great time together shopping and dining.

Now talking about the weather. My last trivia question was weather-related. Was it too tough? Let me know, please. Here is the answer: March 26, 1869 Oxford "Democrat." A curious freak occurred in Bethel the 14th. A damp snow fell in the evening, which was followed by a powerful wind that rolled it up into balls. Frequently as large as a four gallon keg. Hundreds of them might be counted in a single field. Now that is amazing. Look for the next trivia question next week again and call me (824-3220) or e-mail (han@megalink.net)

Oh, and also thanks to some special friends in the neighborhood, you made my day. Talk to you all next week again.

Bryant Pond



by
Alice Hoyt
Franklin Grange 124 met on Saturday, March 6, at the Grange

Hall. The Charter was draped for Helen Andrews. The bread contest was held and Alice Hoyt has to make it for Pomona.

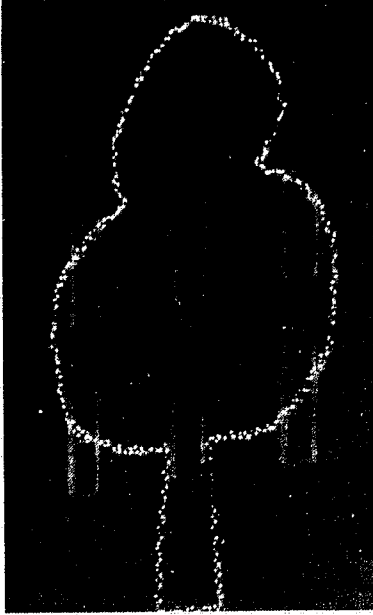
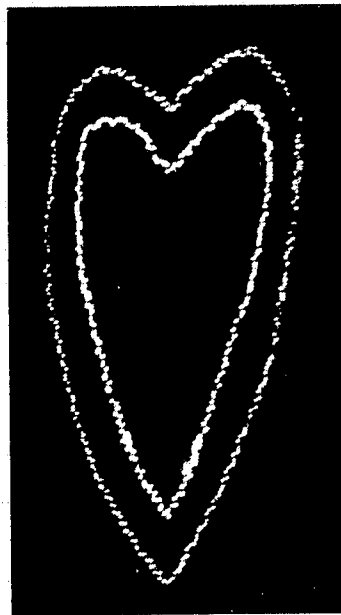
Things coming up are next Grange meeting April 5th, Pomona Grange at Franklin April 6, April 19 Community Service night, May 6 put on Senior Citizens dinner, May 1 Mock Hee Haw show, May 15 Maine and New Hampshire night at the Locke Mills Legion Hall. In July a craft fair and August is 135-year anniversary of the Grange.

Program: opening thought Peggy Blake; opening song "Peggy O'Neil," quiz, music, Laura, Richard and Cack, poem Daffodils Alice Hoyt, song "My Wild Irish Rose," closing thought Peggy Blake. Potluck lunch at noon. Next meeting April 5.

Services at the Baptist Church are Sunday school at 9:15, morning worship at 10:30, evening service at 6 pm. Wednesday at 5:30 youth group and at 6:30 prayer meeting. March 31 at 6:30 "In Remembrance of ME" service, April 4 at 7 a.m. "He is Risen" service and breakfast plus regular services. April 7-11 Missions Conference with Brother Robbie Morrison.

At the Woodstock Town Office each Friday in March there will be testing for jobs with the Census for people from Woodstock.

Jobs last from 5 to 10 weeks starting in April. For more information call 1-866-861-2010. There is a pre-test on the web-



AND A NEW ONE IS PLANNED FOR TONIGHT—Reports from Andover are that some cows at a Main Street location have been decorating their barn with colored lights to match the season. The progression from Christmas to Valentine's to St. Patrick's Day are shown above, with the barn itself dimly visible at right.

(Photos: Paula Lee)

Mason



by Richard Grover
The past two weeks have been hectic for Mona and me. First, James

was recently faced with a serious cancer diagnosis. This required numerous trips to physicians in both Portland and Lewiston. Of course, Mona was very concerned with this situation and accompanied Jim to nearly all his appointments, along with daughters Katrina and Jane, when they were available.

Through all this, Mona, the girls and brother Alan maintained a positive composure, while resigned to doubts about his long-term survival.

A couple weeks ago, this situation was compounded by a medical condition, which surfaced with Mona's own body. This caused us to make several additional trips to medics in

Lewiston for tests and scheduled medical procedures, compounded and delayed by a computer glitch that erroneously flagged a potential heart problem. This was resolved by a visit to a cardiologist, who confirmed there is nothing wrong with her heart!

Then, surgery was delayed another week while her doctor went on vacation. Hopefully, this will all be resolved next week.

While this was going on, James passed away at Maine Medical Center following complications. His sister Jane was present at his bedside when he passed.

Jim was well known and loved by many folks both in the Bethel area and in distant places where he made devoted friends among those with

whom he had worked or otherwise associated. The respect and love for Jim were obvious in the hundreds of messages of condolence and memories received in both written and personal expressions from friends since his passing.

Mona has demonstrated remarkable strength throughout all these stressful events. Somehow, she has retained her sense of humor as well. Last Sunday, when I returned with our paper after putting wood in my sap fire, she told me she was nominating herself for the Darwin Award (You know, the award given to people who enhance the human gene pool by killing themselves doing something incredibly stupid!) "What did you do to deserve that?" "Well, when I made the coffee, I put the coffee and water in the pot and turned it on. Then I set the breakfast table. When I returned to the kitchen, the coffee was all over the floor! I forgot to put the pot back in the coffee maker!"

West Paris



by
Joyce Lamb
Spring weather, warm, cold, sun and rain. Outside it

looks like the last of April. The lawns are bare except for the areas beneath the house eaves where the snow slid off the metal roofs. No crocuses peeking up through yet. I have luckily already had one spring on the

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE AND PERSONAL PROPERTY Pursuant to 14 M.R.S.A. § 6203-A et seq.

March 29, 2010 at 11:00 a.m.

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By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage, Security Agreement & Fixture Filing given by SB Acquisitions, LLC ("Borrower") to Bank of America, N.A. ("Mortgagee") dated November 2, 2007 and recorded in the Oxford County Registry of Deeds in Book 4218, Page 301 (the "Mortgage"), for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, there will be sold at public sale at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, March 29, 2010, at 256 Main Street, Greenwood, Maine, the real and personal property described in the Mortgage, together with all improvements located thereon.

REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THE MORTGAGE THAT IS THE SUBJECT OF THIS SALE

Except as modified in the legal description of the real property attached to the Mortgage (a copy of which is available from the undersigned counsel for the Mortgagee), the following described property located in the Town of Greenwood in the County of Oxford, State of Maine, with the buildings and other structures thereon (the "Premises") is the subject of this sale:

1. Town of Greenwood Tax Map U1, Lot 33 (located at 256 Main Street, Greenwood, Maine);
2. Town of Greenwood Tax Map U1, Lot 21 (located at 253 Main Street, Greenwood, Maine);
3. Town of Greenwood Tax Map U1, Lots 2, 4 and 34.

PERSONAL PROPERTY THAT IS INCLUDED IN THIS SALE

All of the Borrower's tangible and intangible personal property that is described in the UCC Financing Statement recorded with the Maine Secretary of State on November 6, 2007, File No. 2070001887939-24, excluding cash. A copy of the Financing Statement is available upon request from the undersigned counsel for the Mortgagee and will be made available at the public sale.

TERMS OF SALE

The real and personal property hereinabove described (the "Property") is being sold on an "AS IS, WHERE IS" basis, without any warranties, express or implied, as to the condition of the Property or the status of title thereto and all warranties are expressly disclaimed. Mortgagee specifically and without limitation makes no representations or warranties with respect to the accuracy of any boundary description or amount of acreage or location of improvements, above or below ground, environmental compliance or compliance with any applicable zoning or land use regulations, laws or ordinances, or any other matters set forth in the description of the Property or the status of title thereto, or fitness for a particular purpose, or as to merchantability, habitability, the condition of the Premises or any other matters with respect thereto or the assignability of any contracts, licenses, permits or approvals.

The Property will be offered for sale in its entirety to the highest bidder. Such bidder will be unconditionally obligated to purchase the Property within thirty (30) days of the date of public sale on the terms set forth below.

Any person or entity intending to bid at the sale, except the Mortgagee, must deposit with the undersigned counsel prior to the sale, \$25,000.00 U.S. funds in cash, certified check or cashier's check approved by such counsel in advance (checks to be made payable to Drummond Woodsum & MacMahon) as a qualification to bid. No bid will be accepted if the bidder has not deposited the required amount in the required form, NO EXCEPTIONS (other than the Mortgagee). Within five (5) business days of the sale, the successful bidder shall be required to increase the deposit to ten (10) percent of the bid amount.

The deposit of any unsuccessful bidder will be refunded by the undersigned counsel upon completion of the public sale. The deposit of the successful bidder (including the increased deposit required in the preceding paragraph) will be retained by the undersigned counsel as a non-refundable, non-interest bearing down payment that will be applied to payment of the purchase price. The bidder to whom the Property is sold must at the time and place of sale sign a Purchase and Sale Agreement with the Mortgagee, which Agreement shall provide, among other things, and without limitation, that a closing of the sale shall be held within thirty (30) days of the public sale, at which closing the remaining balance of the purchase price will be due in cash or certified funds and the Mortgagee will deliver a duly executed Quitclaim Deed Without Covenant. In the event that the highest bidder fails to close pursuant to the Purchase and Sale Agreement, the Property may be sold to the next highest bidder, or readvertised for sale, at the sole discretion of the Mortgagee.

The Mortgagee expressly reserves the right to bid, to modify or waive the terms of sale set forth above and to add additional terms as it so wishes, including, but not limited to, postponing the sale. Other terms and conditions of sale, including any modification, waivers or additions will be announced at the time of sale. Counsel for the Mortgagee for purposes hereof is David S. Sherman, Jr., Esq., Drummond Woodsum & MacMahon, 84 Marginal Way, Suite 600, Portland, ME 04101-2480. Telephone: (207) 772-1941. John Locke (Maine Auctioneer License No. 1405) shall act as Auctioneer in this sale. A copy of the Purchase and Sale Agreement may be obtained from the undersigned.

By submitting a bid, the bidder acknowledges and agrees to be bound by the terms hereof.

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West Coast and am looking forward to a second spring here in Maine.

On Sunday, March 21, Nancy Dewing, lay speaker, will conduct the service at the West Paris Universalist Church at 9 a.m. DST.

On the 14th, after turning the clocks ahead an hour, all arrived at church on time after waking up to icy, slippery walks and drives. On High Street Perhams drive was just too icy to go out so they remained at home and skipped church.

Behind my house the trees were all sparkly and white with frost but it melted by noon.

The sap is running. Maple syrup time is here. Last week I drove up Stearns Hill to Gibson's and got a quart. Their new house is just beyond the old farm on a rise with one of the best views in all directions in the county.

Katherine and Carolyn

Lamb are at their home on Hill Street in South Paris after several surgeries on their legs. They will be returning to West Palm Beach, Fla., in about a month for more surgeries to correct their legs and ankles.

On March 26 at 6 p.m. at the West Paris Universalist Church there will be a community potluck supper. There is no charge but please bring a casserole, salad, or desert. All are welcome.

On Easter Sunday, April 4, there will be a sunrise service on top of High Street at Mary Ann Brown's.

It will be at 6:15, for the sun is due to rise at 6:17. Breakfast follows at the church. If the weather is bad the service will be held at the church. All are invited.

Muffin does not let me get far away from her. She gets me up in the morning and lets me know when it is bedtime.

Andover



by Melinda Averill

Hello Andover friends. Don't forget town meeting Saturday morning, 9

a.m.

Andover Service Circle (ASC) will be conducting its first fundraiser of the year during the Andover Town Meeting, on March 20, by providing lunch during break on the first floor of Town Hall.

For a suggested \$5 donation everyone will be able to eat homemade soups, chilies, chowders, stews, rolls, muffins and desserts. Money collected will be used by ASC for charitable giving to Andover residents in need. The Circle asks for everyone's support.

Speedy recovery wishes to Richard Hall, who had surgery last Thursday in Lewis-

ton.

Get well wishes to Dottie Mills, who is a patient at Rumford Hospital.

Please take notice of the new hours at the Town Office. (this is just for a while) Monday and Tuesday, 8 a.m. until 4 p.m., Saturday March 27, 8 a.m. until 1 p.m., and Saturday, April 10, 8 to 1. The hours are also posted at the post offices and stores. I will try and keep you updated of any changes.

Jane Rich baptized Alexa Marie Zeeger on Sunday, March 14, at the First Congregational Church. Alexa lives in Maryland with her big sister Abby, and her parents Tracy and Tobie Zeeger.

Celebrating a birthday this week: Elek Pew and Ricky Kneeland March 18, Ryan Theriault on the 22nd, and Leon Akers and Terry Perry on the 24th.

The Andover Alumni Association met last week. We would like to put out a notice to alumni members who have not received an invitation in the past few years to contact us if you would like to start getting one.

We don't have the names and/or addresses of some people, and if you didn't attend the banquet regularly may not have received a notice.

You can call me, 392-2941, or Peg, 392-1691. Even if you don't have an interest in going to the banquet, you may want to pay your yearly dues: two dol-

lars.

The banquet is scheduled this year for Saturday, May 29 at the Andover School.

Waterford



by Rockie Graham

We begin to see what going on a lick and a promise means

as our new house begins to take shape and we still have no idea how we will pay for it.

We just have to trust in the universe to bring us through it all.

Half the people I know are

sugaring.

I am hoping to catch the gluten free seminars in South Paris taught by Suzanne Dunham through SAD 17 Adult Ed. FMI call Suzanne at 665-2967.

Sunday, the 21st of March is our favorite breakfast — the Rotary Breakfast in Bethel. It is at Ordway Dining Hall at Gould Academy from 7:30 to 11 a.m. It is \$7 in advance and \$8 at the door for adults; \$4/6 for 12 and under.

Condolences to Polly Davis and family on the loss of her husband, Bob.

Condolences also to the families and friends of Aubrey Daye, Rodney Hanscom, and James Lowe.

School Lunch

Week of March 22

Teistar Lunches

Monday: Oven breaded chicken or cheeseburger, or hot dogs, tater tots, pizza choices.
Tuesday: Brunch for lunch. Scrambled eggs, sausage, hash brown, pizza choice, hot sandwich choice.
Wednesday: Turkey and cheese sub or ham/cheese sub, chips.
Thursday: No school. Teacher workshop.
Friday: No school. Teacher workshop.
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SAD44 Elementary Schools Lunches

Monday: Brunch for lunch. French toast sticks, sliced ham, potato stars, or PB&J uncrustables, cinnamon applesauce, juice.
Tuesday: Pizza choices or Quick Pick-yogurt, cheese stick and soft pretzel, raw vegetables and dip.
Wednesday: Homemade American chop suey, garlic italian bread or hot dog/roll, green salad, fruit choices.
Thursday: No school. Teacher workshop.
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Enrichment opportunities for the children in SAD #44

From the Director

I am so pleased to feature pictures from the Girls in Engineering Day at UMO during February vacation. A total of 28 students from Telstar, Dirigo, and Buckfield Middle Schools attended the two day education program on Feb 15th and 16th in Orono. One of the highlights was taking part in the robotics lab which allowed them hands on training with a plastic model used in arthroscopic surgery! Many thanks to all our partners who helped make this program possible including the University of Maine Cooperative Extension and RSU #10 21st Century Program. The staff of the Bryant Pond 4-H Camp have spent the past month doing programs at all of our sites and the students especially love the "Wilderness" programs at CPS and WES. CPS students this week learned about geo-caching and set up a new site right here at Crescent Park School. I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome Colleen Files to our MKA Board of Directors. Colleen is the branch manger at Key Bank and daughter Ellen is a MKA member. Our staff is working hard on finishing up the details of Summer 2010! I expect to have Brochures and enrollment information available by the end of April.

- Julie Hart,
MKA Director



On Thursday, March 11th, the Woodstock Mahoosuc Kids learned about the animals that live under the snow, or the Subnivean Layer. Much of the afternoon was spent outside beyond the school borders digging in the snow. In this photo, students are taking a break from digging to play a game of Camouflage with "Bubba." Pictured above with Bubba are Rebecca Morin, Lexi Mack, Caden Poland, Abigail Landry, Luci and Blake Rothwell.



The Cat in the Hat visits Crescent Park School on Read Across America Day.



"Bubba" from the Bryant Pond 4-H Camp and Learning Center joined the Woodstock Mahoosuc Kids on February 4, 11, and March 4, 2010 to share his knowledge of winter ecology. On February 11th, in their lesson on Wildlife Adaptations and Habitats, students had a chance to touch furs from animals that are native to the state of Maine, such as fox, raccoon, and even skunk!

Pictured at left are "Bubba" with Matt and Joe Dillon, Caden Poland, and Ella Kellogg.

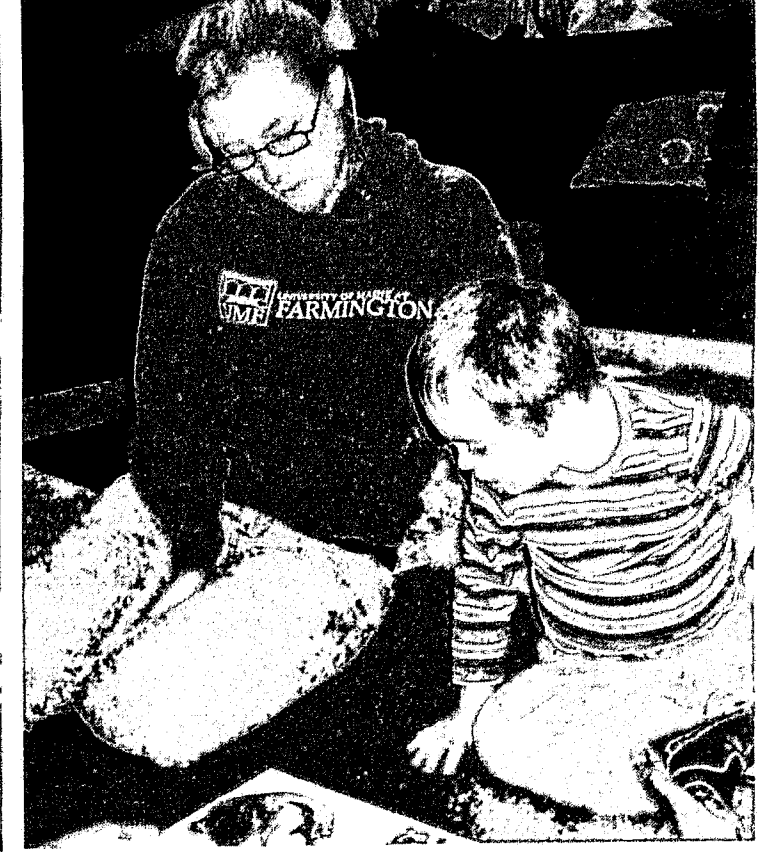
Pictured at right are Ella Kellogg, Lexi Mack, and Kaitlyn Brown



Telstar Middle School student Autumn controlling a robot in a open heart surgery situation.



Annie and Dora soldering LED lights together



Henry Schroeder and Brittany Cole figuring out a puzzle together



A group of Telstar Middle School students in front of the Bear Inn on a recent trip to Orono.



Emily Brownstien Meagan Jewell and Preston Fultz playing Connect-4



Emma Davis and Ainsley Brown having fun with fuze beads

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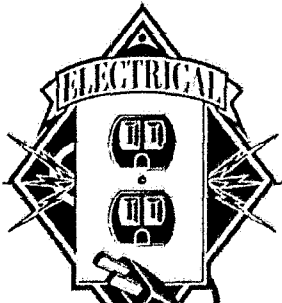
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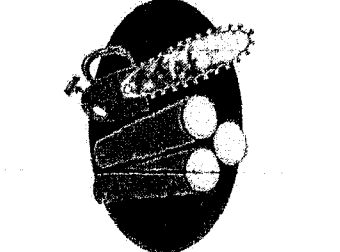
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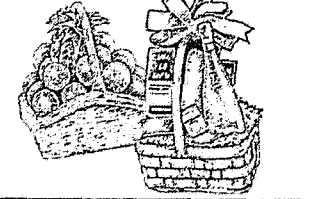
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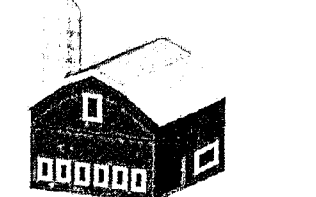


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From Oxford County Democrats

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According to County Chair Cathy Newell the rest of the meeting will be devoted to a variety of training topics, details of the convention, and a discussion of plans for the April 20 Supper and Meet and Greet featuring gubernatorial and local candidates. The supper will be held at the Jackson Silver post of the

American Legion on the Gore Road in Locke Mills.

To become involved with the Oxford County Democrats, contact Newell at 875-2116 or visit the website, www.oxforddems.org.

From the Bethel Rotary Club

The club's Spring Country Breakfast will take place Sunday, March 21, from 7:30 to 11 a.m. at Gould Academy's Ordway Dining Hall. The All-You-Can-Eat Buffett benefits the club's scholarships and community projects. Tickets are \$7 in advance from Rotarians and \$8 at the door. Please join us!

Bethel Rotarians are busy on several service projects, both locally and globally.

Construction of a greenhouse, funded by a Rotary District Simplified

Grant, is currently underway at the 4-H Camp in Bryant Pond. Growing vegetables in the greenhouse will be part of the camp's curriculum.

The Bethel Club is also spearheading an effort to rally approximately 40 to 80 Rotary clubs in the United States and abroad to raise \$40,000 to provide a portable X-ray machine for Hope Village in Haiti.

Hope Village is an orphanage and school under the direction of Fr. Marc Boisvert, a native of Lewiston. Visit his blog at www.freehethkids.org.

The club is also looking for donations of crutches, folding walkers, and canes to send to Haiti for use by injured earthquake victims. If you have an item you would like to contribute, please call Kathy Thrall at 824-3111 or drop them off at The Inn at The Rostay on Route 2.

The club recently held a Wine-Tasting fundraiser in

conjunction with the Black Diamond Club at Sunday River Ski Resort. It was a big success, and thanks to all who participated.

Bethel Rotarians this month welcome new member Peter Phelps, a financial consultant based in Newry.

We are happy to have individuals interested in Rotary join us for breakfast on Tuesday mornings. For more information contact Scott Hynek at 875-2364.

Rotary overview
The Rotary Club of Bethel is very active in local community service projects and in providing financial support for other area organizations.

Annually, the club sponsors a Christmas Senior Citizen luncheon and distributes Christmas gifts to needy area children with its Christmas for Children effort.

The club supports graduating high school seniors by awarding more than \$6,000 in

scholarships annually.

We also support cultural exchanges with foreign countries for area students and adults. And as part of Rotary International projects, we provide funds for medical services for Polio Plus (polio immunization) and Rotoplast (surgery for children with cleft lip).

Regular fundraising activities include several annual events: an auction/yard sale; a golf tournament; two country breakfasts; and food booths at several community events.

professional snowboarders and is one of five stops on the Burton Global Open Series. It is the longest standing snowboard event in the world, and serves as a stepping-stone to other high profile events such as the X-Games.

Tamposi qualified by taking first place at the The Main Event at Stowe Feb. 27. She is also the first snowboarder to take first in The Main Event two years in a row.

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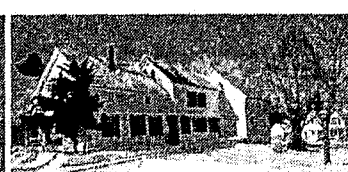
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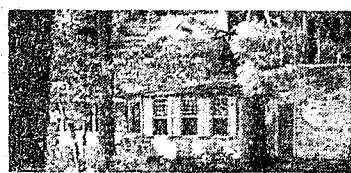
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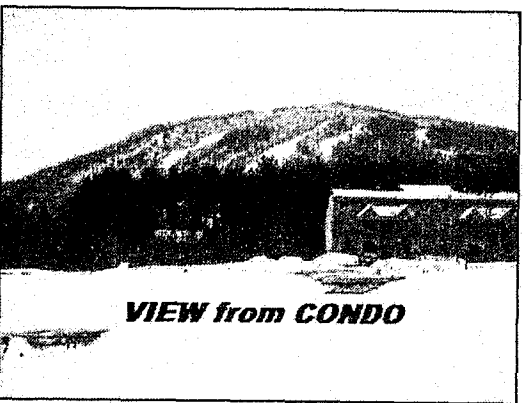
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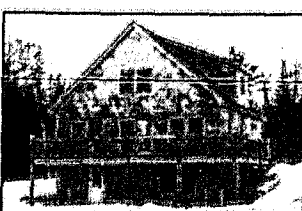
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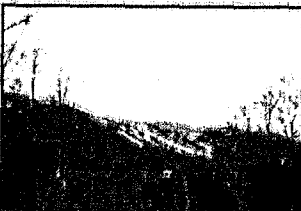
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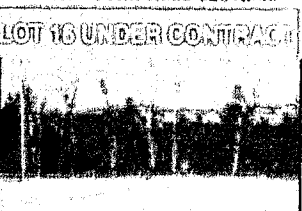
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Jerry K's Korner on the Market! (An 8-legged perspective on Real Estate & Life)
So, Ben, can you believe how busy real estate activity has been lately?
You're right Jerry, it seems as though consumer confidence is resurfacng. People are looking at all sorts of properties... ski-in-ski-out condos, waterfronts, land parcels, log sided chalets, luxury town homes... The list goes on and on.
Well Ben, it is a great time to buy property, as the purchase prices are unbelievably reasonable with ever so competitive interest rates available through local lenders. Sellers can also take advantage of this phenomia when re-investing in the real estate market. All in all, it seems to be a win/win situation for consumers!
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511 North Road, Bethel: Upscale 4-BR 2.5-bath home on a beautiful landscaped lot with minutes from downtown Bethel. This home features a "rare" recent updates, wood-burning fireplace, master suite, a hot tub, in-ground pool, a finished basement and a 20x30-foot barn/workshop. \$379,000	9 Vista Road, The Peaks: This to-be built home offers 3,300 sq ft with 5 BRs & 4 baths across 3 floors including a finished basement. Choose your finishes! Package includes all site work and the lot is fully approved for building. Great views of Sunday River! Incredible value! \$499,000	278 Paradise Rd, Bethel: Oversized custom kitchen open to the family room sunken living room with fireplace & a large master suite with panoramic views of the western Maine mtns. Two-car garage, covered porch and expansive rear deck. Golfing back yard. Basement is ready to be finished for additional living space. \$569,000
Lot 37, The Peaks: Custom-designed to-be-built home with panoramic views of Sunday River. A double-sided fireplace will be a unique feature in this 5-BR/4-bath property with an abundance of glass & separate living spaces. Space over 2 car garage offers more opportunity. \$989,000	16 Forest Drive, Bethel: Custom built home features open living space and large rooms. Eat-in kitchen, family room, dining room and spacious living room with cathedral ceiling and a floor-to-ceiling fieldstone fireplace with custom built-in. 3 BRs, 2.5 baths. Screened porch, large yard, oversized 2+ car garage, expansive basement. \$379,900	14 Crosby Lane, Newry: 1 mile from South Ridge lodge. 3 BRs, 2.5 baths, high ceilings, hardwood floors, multi-zone radiant heat including basement & garage. 1st floor laundry walk-in closet, a fireplace, hot tub on the deck with views of White Cap peak and more. Sold partially furnished. \$329,000

Land

NEW PRICE Mahoosuc Glen, Lot 1: One of the most spectacular lots remaining, directly on the Sunday River Golf Club - views of the 18th hole. \$170,000

River Valley Road, Lot 23C, Bethel: Affordable building lot located off the Sunday River Road just a short distance to Sunday River, snowmobile trails and area restaurants. Private yet conveniently located. \$39,900

Lot 12, Paradise Ridge, Bethel: This 1+ acre lot has gorgeous mountain views and is located in the desirable Paradise Ridge subdivision within walking distance to Bethel Village. \$69,900

Lot 28 Breckenridge Road: This 2.03-acre hillside lot in sought-after Powder Ridge has panoramic views from Puzzle Mountain, across the Androscoggin River Valley to the lights of Bethel Village. \$109,000

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Obituaries

STANLEY P. KENDZIERSKI
Stanley P. Kendzierski, 68, of County Road, Bryant Pond, died unexpectedly at his home on March 2, 2010.

Stanley was born in Putnam, Conn., on Dec. 8, 1941, the son of the late Stanley and Helen (Wolak) Kendzierski. He grew up in the Killingly/Brooklyn area and had resided in Maine for over 35 years. He worked as a machinist and a tool and die maker before his retirement.

He is survived by his sister, Jacqueline Pellerin of Brooklyn, Conn.; his son, James Stringer of Putnam, Conn.; an uncle; several cousins, nieces and nephews; and his beloved and faithful dog, Bear. He was predeceased by his twin sister, Helen Roireau.

There will be no calling hours. A memorial service will be held at a later date in Connecticut. Online condolences may be shared with his family at www.andrews-greenleaf.com.



D'ANN SAVAGE BOCHESSE SEIDELL

D'Ann Savage Bochesse Seidell passed away unexpectedly on Sunday morning, March 14, 2010.

Dee graduated from Telstar High School in 1982 and married Rick Savage in 1985. Together they had three boys, Rick Jr., Ryan and Randy. Dee lived a rich and full life. She was always full of energy. She loved watching her boys play

whatever sport they were participating in. She loved planting flowers and taking pictures. She was a highly competitive athlete from high school through adulthood. Over the years, she was employed by several Suburu dealerships in Maine, Connecticut and Florida.

She is survived by her loving sons, her sister Jodi and her husband Gene, their children Robert and Alyssa, Chris and his wife Diane and a beloved niece Megan, along with a special relationship with Taylor and Ashley Savage.

She was predeceased by her parents Joanne and Ronald, brothers Todd and Robert.

After a private family gathering, a casual celebration of life will take place at The Bethel Inn Conference Center at 4 p.m. on Thursday, March 18, 2010. All who knew her are welcome to commemorate her life.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the American Cancer Society in honor of Dee's mother.

THANK YOU

As James said, "I don't know how I am ever going to repay or thank everyone who has done stuff for me!" Echoing his words. Thank you seems so inadequate for what everyone did for James and his whole family. Thank you to all his special friends who gave and offered to give him rides to medical. Thank you to all his many, many other friends too numerous to mention. Thank you to the Bethel Family Health Center, Dr. Dugan, Melanie, and the kind caring staff at the Maine Cancer Center, Sandy Putnam and Rob Smith from Maine Virulogy in Portland, CMMC's radiation center staff in Lewiston, Maine Med Cancer Unit Staff, Andrews-Greenleaf Funeral Home, The Bethel Inn Resort, the Ladies Chapel Aid of the West Bethel Union Church, Danny Grover and Drew Webster, Nesta Littlefield and John and Wendy Williams. Thank you to Bethel Foodliner for their food trays. Thank you for all your prayers, cards, e-mails, phone calls, thoughts, food, flowers and anything you may have done for James and his family.

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ROBERT LESLIE DAVIS

Robert "Bob" Leslie Davis, 84, of Bethel, died March 15, 2010 at his home with his wife by his side.

He was born in West Bethel the son of Wilbur and Ruby (Luxton) Davis. He attended schools in West Bethel and Gould Academy. On Dec. 1, 1947, he married Pauline Philbrick at The Sudbury Inn, Bethel.

Bob served in the 11th Airborne Division as a paratrooper 1944-1946 in World War II, with duty in the Philippines, Okinawa, and Japan and received the Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal with two stars, Good Conduct Medal, Philippine Liberation Ribbon and WWII Victory Medal.

Bob started work for the Bethel road crew in the spring 1947, became foreman/Director of Public Works in 1960 and retired from the town of Bethel in 1987. He joined the Bethel Fire Department in 1956 and served as Fire Chief from 1977 to 1989. After retirement he worked for Cross Ex-

cavation for two years.

In 1990 Bob and Polly traveled across the United States in their motorhome and enjoyed camping along the way and spent time in Wyoming with their son Wayne and family.

Bob was a member of the Bethel Masonic Lodge #97 from 1950 on and received his 50-year pin/ He was a lifetime member of Mundt-Allen Post #81, Bethel; a member of VFW, American Rifle Association, Board of Directors Maine Chapter American Public Works Association.

Survivors include his wife of 62 years, Pauline; his children, Wayne of Green River, Wyo., Craig and Margo of Bethel, Keith and Cyndi of West Bethel, Rebecca and Bradford Warren of Cooper; his sisters, Arlene Lowell of Bethel, Nancy Brown of Gorham, and Elizabeth Gilbert of West Bethel; his brother, Lawrence and wife Freda of West Bethel; his sister-in-law Rebecca Kendall of Bethel; brother-in-law James Blacquiore of Oxford; and many special friends, including Roland "Oscar" Annis of Bethel; his grandchildren: Todd and Nikki Davis, Ryan and Candace Davis, Kate and Daryan Saunders; Sara and Cody Davis, Cory Davis, Adam Davis, Kailee and Brent Colbeth and Colin Wagner; and 11 great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his parents and a sister, Patricia Blacquiore.

There will be no visiting hours. A funeral service will be held at 2 p.m., Saturday, March 20, at West Parish Congregational Church, Church Street, Bethel, with The Rev.

Ginger Rickerman and The Rev. John Williams officiating. A Masonic service will follow. Interment will be in the spring at Pine Grove Cemetery, West Bethel.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be sent to the Bethel Fire Department, PO Box 1660, Bethel, ME 04217. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.andrews-greenleaf.com.

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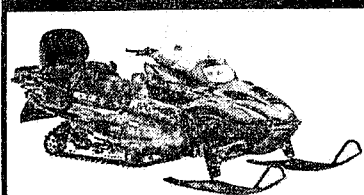
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